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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING:  
OPENING SESSION

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FROM USDEL ANTARCTICA

1. EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING OPENED  
JUNE 9 WITH OPENING ADDRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTER  
FRYDENLUND AND SHORT OPENING STATEMENTS BY  
DELEGATIONS FROM THE TWELVE SIGNATORIES TO THE ANTARCTIC  
TREATY.

2. FRYDENLUND OPENED WITH WARM WELCOME AND PRAISE  
OF SUCCESS OF ANTARCTIC TREATY. IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO  
MINERAL RESOURCES ITEM, HE WARNED THAT LEAPS IN TECH-  
NOLOGY WILL CHALLENGE OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL EVENTS AND  
THAT TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE. HE FRAMED ISSUE IN TERMS  
OF WHETHER ANTARCTICA SHOULD BE EXPLOITED OR NOT AND,  
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IF SO, WHEN. CALLED FOR THOROUGH STUDIES OF ECONOMIC,

POLITICAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS FIRST AND CALLED UPON THE TWELVE TO MAKE HASTE SLOWLY.

3. EDVARD HAMBRO WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN. HAMBRO CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE STATESMANSHIP IMBUE WITH REALISM.

4. ARGENTINA SAID TREATY HAS PROVED HARMONIOUS 14 YEARS. HE REMINDED DELS OF ANTARCTIC CLAIM IN 1904 AND CONSTANT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SINCE THEN, POINTING OUT MEETING WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO FACE UP TO THE HARD ISSUES IF THEY ARE APPROACHED WITH SERENITY.

5. AUSTRALIA DEL EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT DUMPING OF NUCLEAR WASTES IN ANTARCTICA AND HOPED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES BY ALL.

6. BELGIAN DEL SAID APPROACH TO MEETING IS WITH SAME SPIRIT AS 1959 MEETING. NOTING THAT RESOURCES QUESTION MAY DESTROY TREATY OR PUT IT ON STRONGER COURSE, BELGIAN REP SAID WIDESPREAD COOPERATION IS NECESSARY TO CONTAIN EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS.

7. CHILE REP SET FORTH LEGAL BASIS OF CHILEAN CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY BASED ON CONTINUITY, CONTIGUITY, SECTOR THEORY, SPANISH COLONIAL GRANT OF "TERRA AUSTRIALIS" AND "UTIS POSSEIDITIS." CHILE ALSO ASSERTED ARTICLE IV OF THE TREATY GAVE PROOF OF THEIR POSITION AND STRESSED NEED TO PROTECT ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS DEPENDENCE OF CHILEAN FISHERIES ON HUMBOLDT CURRENT.

8. USA REP(AMB BYRNE) NOTED GLOBAL EVENTS SINCE LAST CONSULTATIVE SESSION MAKE SOME ISSUES HARDER FOR US, IN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO RESOURCES QUESTION. THOSE WHO DO NOT REPORT EXPECTATIONS PROMPTLY WERE CHIDED. ON RESOURCES, PRELIMINARY US VIEWS STATED RESPECTING INTERNATIONAL DISCORD, CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POINTS IN US POSITION.

9. FRANCE REAFFIRMED THAT ANTARCTICA SHOULD BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSE AND NOT BECOME THE OBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL USE

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TIONAL DEBATES(SIC). FRENCH PURPOSE IN 1959 WAS TO PRESERVE ANTARCTICA FOR SCIENTISTS. EXTERNAL INFLUENCE OF TOURISTS AND RESOURCES MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AND REGULATION.

10. JAPAN EMPHASIZED NEED TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND URGED GROUP TO CONTINUE WORK THROUGH AGREED MEASURES AND PROTECT ENVIRONMENT. ON

RECOMMENDATION III-8(AGREED MEASURES)

JAPAN HAS INTERNAL LEGAL PROBLEMS WHICH PREVENT GOJ APPROVAL WITHOUT NEW LEGISLATION. FYI-JAPAN DESIRES TO CONDITION APPROVAL OF III-8 BY LANGUAGE LIMITING OBLIGATIONS TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER DOMESTIC LAWS. END FYI.

11. NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH AUSTRALIA'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN REGARDING DUMPING OF NUCLEAR WASTES. REGARDING MINERAL RESOURCES, NZ EMPHASIZED NEED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT AND NEED FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD WILL AS IN 1959.

12. USSR GAVE SHORT NON-SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT. FYI- USSR REPS APPEAR TO CONTINUE SEEING MINERAL RESOURCE ISSUE AS FUTURE PROBLEM AND WANT TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION FIRST. END FYI.

13. UK EMPHASIZED TIME NOT ON OUR SIDE AND WARNED THAT THE DREAMS OF EXPLOITERS DO NOT COMPORT WELL WITH OPENNESS OF THE TREATY. THOUGHT CHAOS, STRIFE AND DANGER WOULD RESULT FROM UNCONTROLLED INFLUX OF DEVELOPERS AND NEED WAS FOR TREATY TO BE USED TO CONTROL OR DELAY PROBLEM. HE SAID HE "FEARED EVENTS WILL BE IN THE SADDLE RIDING MANKIND."

14. SOUTH AFRICA POINTED OUT THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS SHOWED THAT WORLD EVENTS COULD OVERTAKE OUR CAPACITY TO CONTROL THEM AND THAT SOME LOOK TO ANTARCTICA AS AN URGENT SOLUTION TO OTHER PROBLEMS. THE TWELVE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO AVOID DESTRUCTION OF ANTARCTICA.

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15. AGENDA QUESTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS THEY ARISE. CHILE HAS SUGGESTED ITEMS ON MINERAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH ITEM ON MAN'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. CHILE ACCEPTS MINERAL RESOURCES ITEM ON AGENDA BUT EMPHASIZES NEED FOR MORE STUDY OF ISSU, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING ENVIRONMENT.

16. TEXTS OF OPENING STATEMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT WHEN TRANSLATIONS RECEIVED. ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS APPEAR TO BE INACCURATE FROM TIME TO TIME.

17. DR HUGHES SENDS BEST REGARDS TO DR. RAY.  
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